

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An inspecting apparatus which comprises: a signal supply device for supplying signals to a thin-film transistor active matrix substrate for an organic
5 EL panel; a probe positioned facing the substrate; a detector for detecting signals flowing to the probe; and a fluid supply device for supplying a dielectric fluid between the substrate and the probe.
2. The inspecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said signal
10 supply device supplies non-standing wave signals.
3. The inspecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said dielectric fluid is a liquid comprised of polar molecules.
- 15 4. The inspecting apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said dielectric fluid is water.
5. The inspecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said probe has a plurality of electrodes for inspecting.
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6. The inspecting apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said detector detects a current flowing to the probe.

7. A method for inspecting thin-film transistor active matrix substrates which comprises: bringing a probe opposite a thin-film transistor active matrix substrate for an organic EL panel; introducing a dielectric fluid between the substrate and the probe; supplying signals to a closed circuit consisting of the substrate, the dielectric fluid, and the probe; and detecting signals flowing to the closed circuit.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein a detecting surface area of the probe is wider than the surface area of a pixel on the substrate.

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9. A method for inspecting thin film transistor active matrix substrates which comprises: bringing a probe opposite a thin-film transistor active matrix substrate; introducing a dielectric fluid between the substrate and the probe; forming an air or nitrogen flow at the end face of the probe; discharging the dielectric fluid from between the end face of the probe and the air flow; supplying signals to a closed circuit consisting of the substrate, dielectric fluid, and probe; and detecting the signals flowing to the closed circuit.

10. A method for inspecting thin-film transistor active matrix substrates which comprises: bringing a probe opposite a thin-film transistor active matrix substrate; introducing a dielectric fluid between the substrate and the probe; supplying signals to a closed circuit consisting of the substrate, the dielectric fluid, and the probe; and detecting signals flowing to the closed circuit, wherein

the distance between the substrate and the probe is controlled by the amount of dielectric fluid that is introduced.